

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

STEVEN CARMICHAEL,

Plaintiff,

v.

**CAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT, a
governmental agency,**

**COUNTY OF CAMDEN, a
governmental agency,**

**CHIEF OF POLICE GABRIEL
RODRIGUEZ, as an individual and in
his official capacity,**

**OFFICER JESSE ZACHINELLI, as an
individual and in his official capacity,
and**

**JOHN/JANE DOE OFFICERS 1-10
(fictitious names), in their official
capacity,**

**ABC ENTITIES 1-10 (fictitious
entities),**

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:22-cv-05019

**JOINT PROPOSED DISCOVERY
PLAN**

1. Set forth the name of each attorney appearing, the firm name, address and telephone number and facsimile number of each, designating the party represented.

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2. Set forth a brief description of the case, including the causes of action and defenses asserted.

Plaintiff alleges that on August 20, 2020, he was unlawfully detained and arrested by Camden County Police. Plaintiff also alleges violations of his Fourth Amendment rights through excessive force, malicious prosecution and violations of his Eighth Amendment rights through cruel and unusual punishment. Defendants deny Plaintiff's claims and assert affirmative defenses.

3. Have settlement discussions taken place? **No.**

- (a) What was plaintiff's last demand?
 - (1) Monetary demand: None.
 - (2) Non-monetary demand:
- (b) What was defendant's last offer?
 - (1) Monetary demand: None.
 - (2) Non-monetary demand:

4. The parties **have** met pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f) on **November 1-8, 2022**.

5. The parties **will** exchange the information required by Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(1) on or before **December 1, 2022**.

6. Explain any problems in connection with completing the disclosures required by Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(1).

None.

7. The parties **have not** conducted discovery other than the above disclosures.

8. Proposed joint discovery plan:

- (a) Discovery is needed on the following subjects:

1. Any and all factual assertions in Plaintiff's Complaint.
 2. Any and all damages asserted by Plaintiff.
 3. Defendants' defenses.

- (b) Discovery **should not** be conducted in phases or be limited to particular issues.

- (c) Proposed schedule:

- (1) Fed.R.Civ.P. 26 Disclosures on or before **December 1, 2022**

- (2) E-Discovery conference pursuant to L.Civ.R.26.1(d) **December 1, 2022**

- (3) Service of initial written discovery on or before **December 8, 2022**

- (4) Maximum of **25** Interrogatories by each party to each other party.

- (5) Maximum **10** depositions to be taken by each party.

- (6) Motions to amend or add parties to be filed by **January 31, 2023**

- (7) Factual discovery to be completed by **June 30, 2023**

- (8) Plaintiff's expert report due: **July 31, 2023**

- (9) Defendant's expert report due: **August 31, 2023**

- (10) Expert depositions to be completed by **September 29, 2023**

- (11) Dispositive motions to be served **October 31, 2023**

- (d) Set forth any special discovery mechanism or procedure requested.

None.

(e) A pretrial conference may take place on a date the Court deems appropriate.

(f) Trial date: **To be determined.**

9. Do you anticipate any special discovery needs (i.e., videotape/telephone depositions, problems with out-of-state witnesses or documents, etc)?

None.

10. Do you anticipate any issues about disclosure or discovery of electronically stored information, including the form or forms in which it should be produced?

No.

11. Do you anticipate entry of a Discovery Confidentiality Order? See L.Civ.R. 5.3(b) and Appendix S.

Yes.

12. Do you anticipate any discovery problem(s) not listed above?

No.

13. State whether this case is appropriate for voluntary arbitration (pursuant to Local Civil Rule 201.1 or otherwise) or mediation (pursuant to Local Civil Rule 301.1 or otherwise). If not, explain why and state whether any such procedure may be appropriate at a later time (i.e., after exchange of pretrial disclosures, after completion of depositions, after disposition or dispositive motions, etc).

Not at this time.

14. Is this case appropriate for bifurcation?

Defendants reserve the right to move for bifurcation of trial.

15. An interim status/settlement conference (with clients in attendance), should be held **after disposition of motions in limine.**

16. We **do not** consent to the trial being conducted by a Magistrate Judge.

17. Identify any other issues to address at the Rule 16 Scheduling Conference.

None.

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